

## Abstract

L-Methionine is produced by culturing a microorganism which is deficient in repressor of L-methionine biosynthesis system and/or enhanced intracellular homoserine transsuccinylase activity is cultured in a medium so that L-methionine should be produced and accumulated in the medium, and collecting the L-methionine from the medium. The microorganism preferably further exhibits reduced intracellular S-adenosylmethionine synthetase activity, L-threonine auxotrophy, enhanced intracellular cystathionine  $\gamma$ -synthase activity and enhanced intracellular aspartokinase-homoserine dehydrogenase II activity. The present invention enables breeding of L-methionine-producing bacteria, and L-methionine production by fermentation.